

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION
Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects,
Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
July 7, 2000

PRESENT: Harvey Shebesta, Lynda Farrar, Terry Richard, and Nancy Sobczak

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Jan Neitzel; Examination Office staff, Legal Services staff, and Division of Enforcement staff were present for portions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Harvey Shebesta, Chair. A quorum of 4 members was present.

AGENDA

Application review was added to the agenda as item 14e.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (May 5, 2000)

MOTION: Terry Richard moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak to approve the minutes as published.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

- Board Member Workshop

Secretary Cummings was not available.

Alfred Hall stated that the Board Member Workshop will be held July 13-14, 2000, and all Section members are invited to attend.

Bureau Director's Report

- Board Roster/2000 Meeting Dates
Lynda Farrar stated that she will not be available for the September 1, 2000, Section meeting.

Dr. Farrar will send her E-mail address for the Section roster.

Harvey Shebesta stated that he will not be attending the meetings in February and March 2001.

Mr. Shebesta requested that the Central Zone meeting dates, NCEES meeting dates, examination dates, and holidays be kept in mind when scheduling Engineer Section meetings for the year 2001.

- Regulatory Digest
Alfred Hall reported that the Regulatory Digest will be mailed in September 2000 and articles for this issue need to be submitted by July 31, 2000. Mr. Hall stated the articles that will be included in the Digest are portions of Mr. Shebesta's report on the Central Zone Meeting May 4-6, 2000, internship and credited hours, and information on the proposed repealing of s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats.

- To-Pass Folder
The To-Pass Folder was circulated.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Further Discussion on Repealing s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., Allowing a Candidate With a Four-Year Degree Plus Eight Years Experience to Qualify for Registration as a Professional Engineer

The Section feels that taking and passing the principles and practice examination should be mandatory to become a registered professional engineer. The Section feels that the proposed repealing of s. 443.04(1)(d), Stats., which allows a candidate with a 4 year degree and 8 years of experience to become a registered professional engineer, is beneficial to the profession.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

Plan Submittal Requirements for Architects or Professional Engineers Not Registered as Architects or Professional Engineers in Wisconsin

Alfred Hall stated the plan submittal requirements for architects or professional engineers not registered as architects or professional engineers in Wisconsin are part of the administrative rules that are in process of being changed. September is the expected completion date. No adverse comments given to the rules.

Discussion of NCEES Electronic Technology Task Force (ETTF) White Paper (Revised 3/24/00)

Alfred Hall reported that some modifications have been made in the ETTF White Paper.

The report was reviewed and the Section focused on the proposed revisions to the NCEES Model Law rules and requested that legal counsel review for proposed rules. The intent of the section is to allow electronic submission of public records utilizing digital signatures.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Harvey Shebesta attended the Central Zone Meeting in Dearborn, Michigan May 4-6, 2000.

REGISTRATION ISSUES

Requiring Professors Teaching Engineering to be Registered as Professional Engineers

The Section discussed the proposed requirement that professors who teach professional engineering classes must be registered professional engineers.

Nancy Sobczak will research the number of professors teaching engineering who are and are not registered professional engineers.

The Section will discuss the proposed requirement further at the September 1, 2000, meeting.

Evaluation of Foreign Transcripts

The Section discussed the use of services other than the NCEES to evaluate foreign transcripts.

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to reconfirm acceptance of the NCEES evaluation service. The Section will accept other services on a per case basis. Motion carried unanimously.

Continuing Education-Professional Development Registry for Engineers and Surveyors, 3/15/00, National Society of Professional Engineers

Christine Sloat, Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers, stated that the National Society of Professional Engineers no longer records continuing education credits for professional engineers and land surveyors in the PDRS due to the cost, time, and the effects of human error.

PRACTICE ISSUES

None.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Agreement Between NCEES and Member Boards

Dr. Barb Showers, Office of Exams, stated that the NCEES would like a guarantee from the Department and the Section, that if Continental Testing Service, CTS, would go out of business, the examinees would still be able to take the test and all bills would be paid.

Nancy Sobczak suggested that the money paid to CTS could be put in a trust fund. The interest accrued in this account could be used by CTS and the money owed to NCEES and other involved parties could be paid out when due.

NCEES

Regional Meeting Report

- Minutes of the Central Zone 1999 Annual Meeting

The Section received a copy of the May 15, 2000, Report of the Year 2000 Central Zone Meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying May 4-6, 2000, Dearborn, Michigan, from Harvey Shebesta. Noted.

- Fundamentals of Engineering Effectiveness Task Force Charges

Darwin Tichenor, Office of Exams, stated that the Fundamentals of Engineering Effectiveness Task Force would like to assess engineering departments and programs and would like suggestions on how achieve this.

Harvey Shebesta suggested that all graduates from a professional engineering course take the fundamentals exam as a means for the Task Force to assess the department or program. This test can be issued by computer and pass/fail will not be applied.

Darwin Tichenor will draft guidelines for submittal at the national meeting in August.

- Ohio-Model Law Engineer Application

The Section discussed the Ohio-Model Law Engineer Application and agreed that 6 months in Wisconsin and taking the Barrier Free examination does need to be added before they can approve the Model Law.

- Report on The Special Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

The Section received a copy of the May 15, 2000, report on the special committee on constitution and bylaws. Noted.

Planning for Annual Meeting

Harvey Shebesta stated that Central Zone attendees discussed that the vice-president of each zone is a member of the NCEES Board. The question raised at the Central Zone meeting was whether the assistant vice-president could also be a member of the NCEES Board. The position is a voluntary, non-voting position, used to obtain information for the sections.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to sections 19.85(1)(a), (b) and (f), Wis. Stats.: to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by this section or the investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, case closings, examination issues, deliberations on stipulations that may be signed after printing of the agenda, pending applications, requests for reinstatement of licensure, and to hold class 1 hearings on the denied application of Jonathon Buiter.
Motion carried by a roll call vote: Lynda Farrar-yes; Terry Richard-yes; Harvey Shebesta-yes; Nancy Sobczak-yes.

Open Session recessed at 10:51 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section deliberated on case status reports, a class 1 hearing, pending applications, a petition for rehearing, and a reinstatement request.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to reconvene in Open Session at 12.47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

Case Status Reports

The Section received a copy of the July 3, 2000, case status report. Noted.

HEARINGS ON DENIED APPLICATIONS

Class 1 Hearings

Jonathon Buiter (Morrisonville, WI)

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to approve the eligibility application for the principles and practice of engineering examination for Jonathon Buiter. Motion carried unanimously.

PETITION FOR REHEARING

Dale Cook (Hinckley, IL)

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to deny the petition for rehearing of Dale Cook based on the fact that no new information has been provided by Mr. Cook. The Section reconfirms their previous decision. Motion carried unanimously.

Deliberation on Stipulations or Disciplinary Actions that May Be Signed After Printing of Agenda

None.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

James Poehling (LaCrosse, WI)

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Terry Richards, to approve the reinstatement request of James Poehling, pending payment of all renewal costs incurred and requested that a reprimand be issued. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON JULY 7, 2000

The Section took the following action on applications.

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Nancy Sobczak, to approve the following applications reviewed by the Section on July 7, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

1. By 16 Hour Written Examination

a. Granted

Schaetz, Daniel

Selent, Ingrid

2. By 8 Hour Written Examination

a. Granted

Pluta, Michele

3. By approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

a. Granted

Ajami, Elias
Lee, Youk
Bergschultz, Kenneth
Cain, Douglas
Dehaven, Brad
Ghalib, Ahmed Osman
Jammal, Jamal
Kaari, Kevin
Love-Filer, Nadine
Mahay, Rattan
Malkasian, Todd
Martin, Nicholas

Mikolajczyk, Barbara
Medhin, Samuel
Norton, Leo
Rafols, Jose
Rashid, Parvez
Sellers, Martin
Wagner, Robert
Wayne, Mitchell
Youssef, Nabil
Zawlocki, Mark

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

a. Granted

Halvensleben, Brad
Hardin, Kerry
Holder, Adam
Kosmicki, Thaddeus
Madsen, David
Nies, Bart
Nold, Andrew
Nunna, Ramnarayan

Pabst, Mark
Podczerwinski, Edward
Qwia, Soufla
Rohrbach, Karl
Schierloh, Peter
Solberg, David
Sullivan, Thomas
Swanson, William

MOTION: Lynda Farrar moved, seconded by Terry Richard, to deny the following applications reviewed by then Section on July 7, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

By approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

b. Deny

Pitts, Daniel

Wozniak, Robert

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

b. Deny

Boettcher, Michael
Dettmers, Douglas

Dupont, Michael

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Nancy Sobczak moved, seconded by Lynda Farrar, to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.